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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2626  
Chih-Chung KUO et al. )  
Serial Number: 10/782,955 ) Examiner: D. Godbold  
Filed: February 23, 2004 ) Attorney Doctor: KUOC3019/BEU  
 ) Confirmation No.: 7575

For: Automatic Speech Segmentation and Verification Method and System

DECLARATION TO SHOW THAT REFERENCE IS PUBLICATION  
OF APPLICANTS' OWN INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Honorable Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As the above-named Applicants, Chih-Chung KUO, Chi-Shiang KUO, and Jau-Hung CHEN, we hereby declare that:

1. We made the invention upon which the relevant disclosure in the publication "Automatic Speech Segmentation and Verification for Concatenative Synthesis," presented at *Eurospeech 2003 - Switzerland*, September 1-4, 2003 (hereinafter, the Kuo et al. publication), is based.
2. We are the sole inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
2. The Kuo et al. publication was first published less than one year before the filing date of the above-identified patent application (February 23, 2004).
3. The non-applicant co-author of the Kuo et al. publication, Sen-Chia CHANG, derived his knowledge of the relevant subject matter from us.
4. This declaration is submitted prior to a final rejection in the above-identified application.

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